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1. At Puerto la Cruz, State of Anzoategui, Venezuela, there has been little activity noted during September and October among known members of the black Partido Revolucionario del Proletariado-Comunista (PRPc) or their syndicate. The black syndicate, Sindicato de Trabajadores Petroleros (STP) de Puerto la Cruz, has presented only a nominal number of labor claims to oil companies since May 1950. There has been no recent handbill activity attributed to it, and oil company records indicate that its membership has fallen off slightly.
2. Organization of the Sindicato de Trabajadores Libres de la Industria del Petroleo (STLIP) del Distrito Sotillo is proceeding with aid apparently coming from the Ministry of Labor. The initial petition for legalization was dated 4 October 1950, and it is expected that final action will be taken by the end of October. Members of the URD and COPEI syndicates have stated they believe the STLIP is backed by the Partido Socialista Venezolano (PSV).
3. PSV organizers held meetings in Barcelona in September 1950 to establish a branch of the Party in that area. Some 200 workers were claimed as new members by the organizers. An oil company official believed that organization of the STLIP was begun in connection with these meetings.
4. Although oil company officials are unaware of the exact strength or make-up of the STLIP, a check of the list of proposed officers indicates that at least four were previously members of the Accion Democratica (AD) controlled syndicate which was dissolved in May 1950. Company officers fear that AD elements will either infiltrate the union or are already in control of it. No active opposition from URD, Communist, or COPEI elements against the new syndicate has been noted.
5. Proposed officers of the STLIP are:

Secretary-General:

Culture and Propaganda Secretary:

Financial Secretary:

Vigilance and Discipline Secretary:

Minutes Secretary:

Pedro Ramos

Luis Ambard S., Vengref employee

Octavio Borges, former AD syndicate member

Pedro Perez Astudillo, former AD syndicate member

Crecencio Rafael Rojas

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